

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Stephen M. Haase

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: September 15, 2004

Approved

Date

9.20.04

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6

SNI AREA: Burbank/Del Monte

SUBJECT: ST04-002. STREET RENAMING FOR THE RENAMING OF W. VIRGINIA STREET BETWEEN HANNAH STREET AND INTERSTATE 280 TO HANNAH COURT. (COUNCIL INITIATED)

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the City Council approve the proposed Street Name.

BACKGROUND

On March 12, 2004, City Council directed Planning Staff to consider the renaming of West Virginia Street between Hannah Street and Interstate 280 to "Hannah Court." The Director of Planning recommended approval of the proposed Street Name. This section of W. Virginia Street is a remnant of Virginia Street that has been cut off by I-280 and has no connection to the rest of Virginia Street. No correspondence has been received in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Street Name Change.

ANALYSIS

The naming of this street has been reviewed for consistency with the attached City of San Jose Council Policy 6-5; *Street Naming and Street Name Change*. The criteria applicable to the naming of this public street are as follows:

- A. *The names must meet with the approval of the County Communications Department and the US Post Office.*

The County Communications Department and the U.S. Postal Service have reviewed and approved the proposed new name.

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- B. A public street continuing for some length in one general alignment shall have only one name.*

As stated above, the affected segment of W. Virginia Street has been severed from its connection to the rest of Virginia Street. The proposed new street name does not connect with the rest of the existing Virginia Street and therefore a unique name is preferable for this street segment.

- C. Individual property owners, when affected by a name change, are to be informed and be given an opportunity to be heard through the Public Hearing process.*

The Del Monte Neighborhood Association requested this street name change. Notices of the City Council Hearing were mailed to property owners and tenants within 500 feet of the street segment.

Based on the above analysis, staff concludes that the proposed street name conforms to City Council Policy 6-5.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

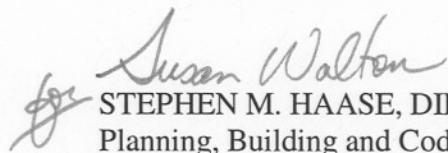
In January of 2004, the Del Monte Neighborhood Association identified as one of its priorities, the renaming of Virginia Street, between Hannah Street and I-280, to Hannah Court. The community indicated concern that this remnant of Virginia Street lacked a clear identity, and that the current street name was confusing for emergency response. Since the street is a short stub off of Hannah Street, the name "Hannah Court" is an appropriate designation.

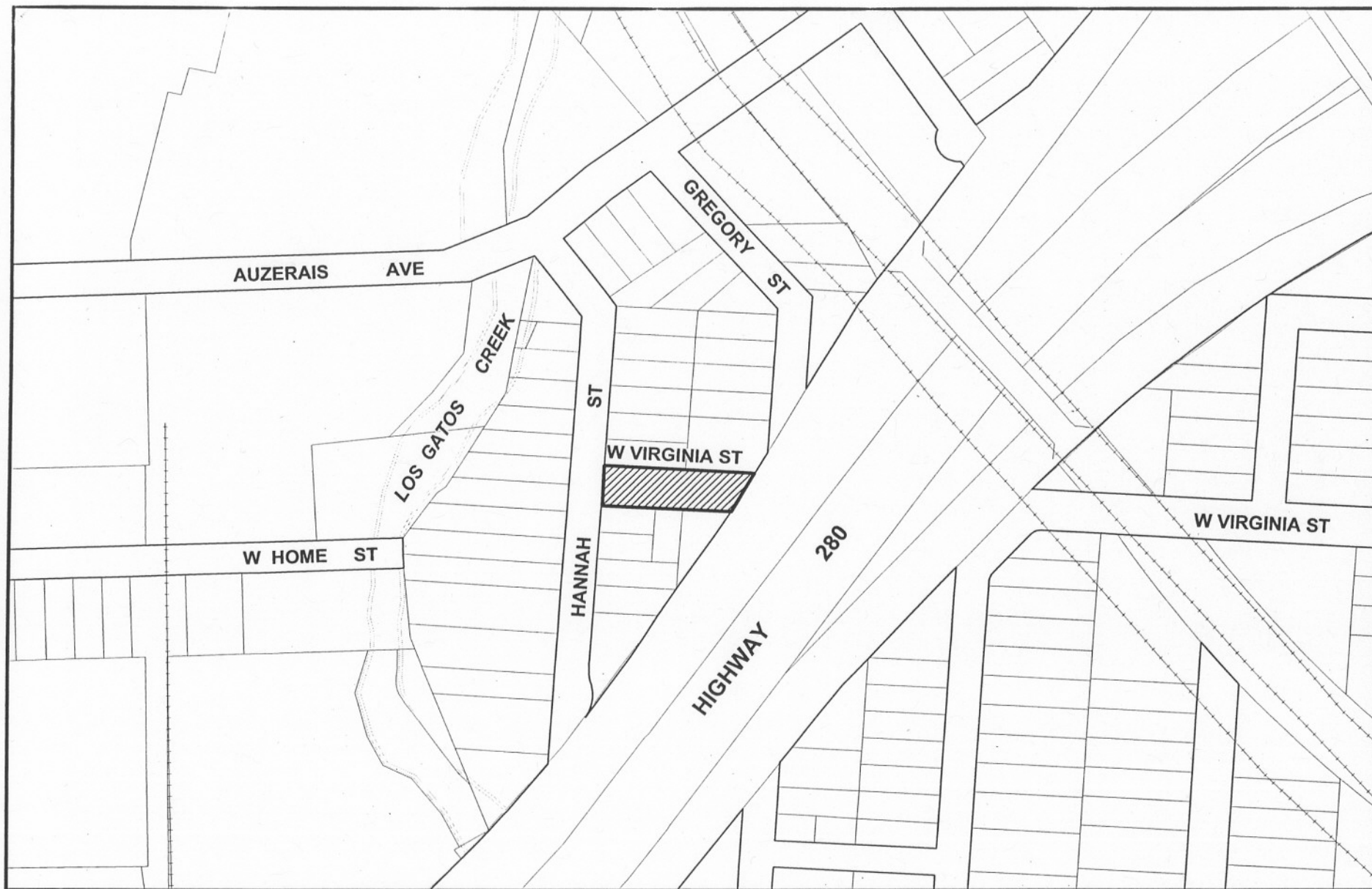
COORDINATION

The proposed Street Naming was initiated by the City Council on March 12, 2004. This street renaming was coordinated with County Communications and the U.S. Post Office. They support the proposed renaming.

CEQA

This project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA.


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Quad No: 83



Scale: 1"= 200'